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SUMMARY: AFTER NUMEROUS REPRESENTATIONS BY EMBASSY, PRISONERS BEASLEY AND RENNA RETURNED TO REGULAR QUARTERS MONDAY, JUNE 23.

1. DESPITE GALINDO'S ASSURANCES THAT RENNA AND BEASLEY WOULD BE RETURNED TO REGULAR QUARTERS JUNE 2#, THEY WERE STILL IN PUNISHMENT AREA THAT NIGHT. CHIEF OF CCS TELEPHONED DR MALO CAMACHO, WHO CITED STATEMENTS BY PRISONERS AND RENNA'S FIANCEE THAT NEITHER PRISONER NEEDED PROTECTION AND DOCTOR'S REPORT SAYING THAT BEASLEY HAD SAID HE HAD RECEIVED BEATING FROM PRISONERS IN FIGHT OVER PINEAPPLE. MALO CAMACHO INDICATED THAT HE OR PRISON AUTHORITIES WERE AFRAID THAT IF TWO PRISONERS RETURNED TO CELLS AND SOMETHING THEN HAPPENED THEY WOULD BE BLAMED. CCS CHIEF EMPHASIZED THAT EMBASSY HAD NEVER REQUESTED ISOLATION OF PRISONERS AND THAT EMBASSY'S COMPLAINT HAD BEEN AGAINST BEATING BY PRISON GUARDS. MALO CAMACHO SAID THAT HE WOULD GIVE ORDER FOR RETURN TO REGULAR QUARTERS. CCS CHIEF ASKED IF HE COULD CALL BACK AND WAS TOLD TO DO SO IN HALF HOUR.

2. AFTER ATTEMPTING TO CALL BACK SEVERAL TIMES AND BEING PUT OFF BY SECRETARY EACH TIME, CCS CHIEF FINALLY GOT MALO CAMACHO AGAIN AT ABOUT 9:15 PM. HE WAS TOLD BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MALO CAMACHO TO SEND WRITTEN "PETITION" BEFORE

TEN THAT NIGHT. WHEN ADVISED THIS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE, MALO CAMACHO SAID HE WOULD HAVE SOMEONE IN HIS OFFICE SATURDAY MORNING (JUNE 21) AT 10 AM TO RECEIVE PETITION.

3. SATURDAY MORNING, CONSUL GENERAL SENT MALO CAMACHO STRONGLY WORDED LETTER EXPRESSING DOUBTS AS TO BONA FIDES OF STATEMENTS SIGNED BY PRISONERS A RENNA'S FIANCEE BUT STRESSING THAT WHETHER OR NOT STATEMENTS WERE TRUE, THERE WAS NO REASON FOR PRISONERS TO BE KEPT IN PUNISHMENT AREA. EMSSY DID NOT REQUEST THIS TYPE PROTECTION, BOTH PRISONERS AND AUTHORITIES DISCLAIMED KNOWLEDGE OF REASON FOR "PROTECTION," PRISONERS UNLIKELY TO CAUSE ANY TROUBLE AFTER THIS EXPERIENCE. LETTER DELIVERED BY EMBASSY DUTY DRIVER.

4. NO ACTION TAKEN OVER WEEKEND. MONDAY MORNING (JUNE 23) CCS CHIEF CALLED MALO CAMACHO, SPOKE WITH PRIVATE SECRETARY WHO SAID THAT LETTER NOT RECEIVED UNTIL THAT MORNING, BUT THAT ORDER ISSUED TO PRISON AUTHORITIES TO RETURN BEASLEY AND RENNA TO REGULAR QUARTERS. EMBASSY CONFIRMED BY TELEPHONE

CALL TO PRISON LATER IN AFTERNOON THAT THEY HAD IN FACT BEEN RETURNED.

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